



Community Technology Report - May, 2012

Adobe Youth Voices Partnership

We have become partners in the Seattle area development of the Adobe Youth Voices program. Reel Grrls is the designated area coordinator. There will be 8 sites at the RecTech Community Center computer learning centers and we will help identify and invite an additional 8 sites from other youth media programs, drawn largely from our Technology Matching Fund grantees. Adobe Youth Voices engages educators of middle and high school age youth in a yearlong professional development and support program, as well as providing software and support for student learning and exchange of youth media projects across multiple countries. Student works will also be screened at SIFF.

FCC Comments submitted on proposed digital literacy program

We submitted comments with the Washington State Council on Digital Inclusion/ Communities Connect Network to the FCC on their proposed digital literacy grant program and a broadband adoption pilot program. This is part of the proposed universal service and lifeline/link-up reforms to include broadband. David also worked on a submission by WA State Bar Association Access to Justice Board.

Evergreen Apps – Justice

David is working with the state JusticeNet group to ensure development of ideas, a spokesperson, mentors, and identification of data sets for the justice category.

Puget SoundOff

A survey about youth civic engagement and social media has just been launched, in partnership with the Fuse Media Lab at Microsoft. This will help us plan the next design and social media integration for the project. Twelve Becoming Citizens undergraduate students from the University of Washington are now operational at Mercer Middle School Neighborhood House, West Seattle High School and Atlantic Street Center. Thirty-six new users have signed up with Puget SoundOff, with 85 return visitors to the site. There have been 9,475 visits to PSO between February 20 and April 1, with over 4,400 in the last two weeks.

Low-income Broadband and CenturyLink

The Seniors Training Seniors program and Interconnection have been working with CenturyLink to promote their low income broadband program and Interconnection's \$150 computers. The UW is helping evaluate this partnership. Two workshops have been held and more are being planned. CenturyLink also held a workshop at Chinese information and Service Center, which was presented in Chinese and was very well attended. We are helping them incorporate a computer security/Internet safety component into the workshops.

Southwest Neighborhood Service Center opens with public Internet.

Derrick set up a public Internet terminal at the new Southwest Neighborhood Service Center. This is a replacement for the Delridge NSC, essentially moving it to cover the broader southwest.

Cable Modem Site Updates / Technical Assistance

- Academy of Interactive Entertainment at Seattle Center (Installed)
- Southwest Neighborhood Service Center (move – awaiting install)
- Techno Formation Vocational Services (awaiting install, Derrick has been providing tech assistance)

Invoice approval process streamlined

We are now using the online grant system, Webgrants, for Technology Matching Fund grant reporting, in addition the application and review cycles. Working with DoIT Finance, we've worked out the business process to send invoice approval via email using PGP and they can review details using Webgrants. We expect this new method will save time and paper costs.

Technology Matching Fund Project Updates

Seattle Young People's Project (SYPP) - Tech Matching Fund

SYPP has been providing workshops three days a week for a group of 13 young women, focused skill building through three group video projects. Reel Grrls is provided support to the project.

Vietnamese Friendship Association

During this reporting period, VFA successfully recruited and engaged 11 youth to serve on the VFA Youth Leadership Council. Since Fall of 2011, the youth have met every Wednesday to receive training in leadership, project management, cultural competency, and communication. The Youth Leadership Council used their skills and training for implement many community projects. First, they were very active in planning a Vietnamese Lunar New Year (Tet Celebration) which welcomed about 160 community members. They also made Tet 101 videos using their tablets to educate people about the Lunar New Years and Vietnamese culture

Year Up Puget Sound

With TMF funds they have been able to begin building out our Mac Lab and will be able to begin training our new class of students on the Apple OSX operating system. During this reporting period they reached a significant milestone our journey to close the Opportunity Divide. The inaugural class graduated of February 3, 2012. 13 students from Class 1 graduated, two of whom already have found full time employment after leaving their internships. From Class 2, 26 students have completed the initial 6 month learning and development phase of the program and have transitioned to full time internships this month.

SOAR

King County Youth Development Network project has moved forward on planning their website enhancement to better support youth development workers. They are working in collaboration with Puget SoundOff and have finalized their scope of work with Web developer Digital Aid. Some features will include improved Youth program listings and contact information, searchable resource list, searchable list of post-secondary youth resources, advocacy resources and an online forum.

The Common Language Project - Digital Literacy Initiative

The project completed a visit series with students in the Horn of Africa Services after school program, helping them gain basic journalism skills such as interviewing, research and identifying story topics, as well as media production skills like audio and video recording. Our workshops supported Horn of Africa Services' long-term project focused on young people interviewing their parents about technology use. Our success with these students led to high enrollment in our Presidents Day Arts & Culture Reporting Camp. We have a second eight-visit series planned for the spring term; we've tweaked our curriculum slightly for the coming term to improve its fit with HOAS's existing programming and to incorporate the use of our new media kits.

They also worked closely with students in the MetroCenter YMCA's journalism program. Their focus with this group (based on requests from the program's coordinators) was on identifying, reporting and publishing a story independently. We had them sit in on professional journalists' editorial meetings, then helped them re-create that process for their own work with PugetSoundOff.org. We also discussed the shifting media landscape and the importance of new voices and diverse representation in online journalism. These students' work has been published on PugetSoundOff.org and at

least one of their stories will soon be featured on SeattleGlobalist.com. We will continue to work with the MetroCenter Y in the spring term.

With TMF funds they purchased and assembled six media kits, including Canon T2i DSLR cameras and Zoom H1 audio recorders. They created a color coding and equipment checkout/tracking system to protect this valuable equipment (which is stored in the CLP office at the UW).